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RADIO MESSAGE ON XAVIER AND ARSENIO HORTA BETRAYAL

The following message was monitored by the Campaign for Independent East Timor in Darwin on September 12,1978 : Spoken by Minister Alarico Fernandes:

"...on last Sunday we did not broadcast Maubere Radio . Regarding to the traitor Xavier do Amaral, we let you know that Xavier do Amaral the traitor Xavier do Amaral, has been in rehabilitation and during that time he has not proved that he want to transform,to serve the interest of the heroic Maubere people . So, he has escaped and once more he has betrayed the heroic Maubere people by surrendering to the enemy . So the traitor Xavier do Amaral has betrayed once more tht, surrendering to the enemy.

"Regarding to Arsenio Horta also we would like to let you know that he was former supporter , UDT supporter, and in counter-coup Fretilin has arrested him. After that, when the corrupt Suharto launched the full-scale invasion over the Democratic Republic of East Timor , Arsenio Horta and the other prisoners have been taken to the mountains, and the most of them have collaborated,firmly collaborated to the Maubere people's cause , and so those ones, Fretilin Central Committee have put them into freedom and the majority ,as I have told, have worked and fighted(fought) the enemy, However, Arsenio Horta has former UDT supporter, of course, he got no firm resolution and finally he surrendered to the enemy . Details on that we'll give to you later on....

"One American mercenary was killed ,as I have informed, in Remexio area, he was talking in English before he died . He was white, blond hair, and his body has been evacuated to Dili by helicopter. We are getting more details on that...

"The situation in East Timor is still hot . The murdering Suharto troops are constantly launching strong offensives all over the country, and by burning out everything,killing ,massacring the civilian population, and the situation is really hot and the suffering of the people,of course,is getting (to) the climax. We'll pass you news ,more news on the other day and... "

The above is a transcript taken from a tape which reached Sydney 13/9/78 The text is as read by Minister Alarico Fernandes. Corrections in brackets by ETNA to aid understanding.